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In re Patent Application of:
Tania KASTELIC et al.

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For: ASSAY FOR IDENTIFYING COMPOUNDS
WHICH AFFECT STABILITY OF mRNA

Examiner: D. Crouch

STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Madam:

This is in response to Interview Summaries mailed on May 28, 2009 and June 9, 2009, for which responses are due on June 28, 2009 and July 9, 2009 respectively. Accordingly, this Statement of Substance of Interview is timely filed.

REMARKS

Applicants express their gratitude for the telephone interviews between Examiner Deborah Crouch and Applicants' representative Jian Xiao on May 19, 2009 and June 9, 2009. The time and consideration of the Examiner is greatly appreciated.

During the May 19, 2009 interview, Applicants' representative and the Examiner discussed potential amendment of claims 9 and 30 to indicate that the mRNA instability sequence is inserted into the 3'UTR. Examiner Crouch indicated that the claims are allowable upon entry of the claim amendments and amended the claims in an Examiner's Amendment.

During the June 9, 2009 interview, Applicants' representative submitted that claim 38 should be cancelled in view of amendment of claims 9 and 30 in the Examiner's Amendment. Examiner Crouch agreed to cancel claim 38 in a Supplemental Examiner's Amendment.

It is believed that this writing satisfies the Applicants' obligation to provide a Statement of Substance of Interview. If there are further questions or outstanding issues remaining in this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the number listed below.

Dated: June 26, 2009

Respectfully submitted,

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